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October 22, 1996

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW Room 814
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e-mail: rhundt@fcc.gov

Dear Mr. Hundt:

We request your strong support in passing legislation to give public libraries, public schools and all governmental agencies inexpensive access to the Internet as set forth in CC Docket 96-45. Thank you for your consideration and support of this most important legislation to insure public access to the world at our fingertips.

Sincerely,

Claire A. Collins
County Administrator

cc: Members, Board of Supervisors

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that ever school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "E-Rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

As the Federal Communications Commission and Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

I urge you to each upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

Jan Hillebrich
Thank you!

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BOARD RESOLUTION

To FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

On DISCOUNTS For ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

(To: The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman, FCC, 191 9 M St NW Rm 814, Washington, DC 20554)

Resolution No. 97-04

In the Matter of Affordable Rates for Education
Re: Telecommunications Act of 1996

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WHEREAS, telecommunications costs are a formidable barrier to all school districts, especially those in rural and suburban areas; and,

WHEREAS, passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires the development of a rate for education (me-rate") to ensure that ALL elementary and secondary schools and libraries can receive discounts for advanced telecommunications services; and,

WHEREAS, advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will create informed and skilled consumers, workers, and contributing citizens; and,

WHEREAS, discounted rates for education will enable our children and community of life-long learners access to the world of information technology; and,

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Federal/State Joint Board on Universal Service (as a part of the Federal Communications Commission) to recommend the size of these discounts and the types of services that will be eligible for discounts; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors does hereby strongly endorse Secretary of Education Riley's comprehensive e-rate plan to provide all schools and libraries with FREE access to telecommunications services that support instructional activities.

DATED and SIGNED this 22 day of October, 1996.

CASTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

James Bohet
Don Dieter
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Bernard J. Calk
Board Secretary

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

We would like to inform you, and the other members of the F.C.C., that we support the concept of affordable rates/discounts for telecommunications involving schools and libraries.

We are a private school in the northwestern corner of California. It would provide a wealth of information and knowledge for the children, staff, and parent groups.

All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible, and offer choices in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It should be more effective when these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab, and work station.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Beam
Principal

Sister Myrtle Manternach
Bonnie Bauring
Sister Martha Ann Luedtke
Sister Catherine Niess
Bary H. Lu
Ex. Director Baptista

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

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As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision we/I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

Please convey these recommendations to the FCC and the Federal-State Joint Board. Thank you for your attention to this matter of considerable importance to all schools, classrooms, and libraries.

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Sincerely yours
Hennessee Valley Alliance #111
Madeline C Dean Trece

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Office of Secretary

September, 1996

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

CC: Docket No. 96-45

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We/I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

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Stanley & Dorothy Smith
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Office of Secretary

Susan Murphy
Member, Herrin City
Library Board
39 Stardust Dr.
Herrin, Ill. 62948

Oct. 14, 1996

Dear Mr. Hundt;

I am writing as a municipal library board member to ask your consideration for a discount phone rate for schools and libraries. It would help us achieve full electronic access.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Murphy

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, N. W. Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20054

CC: Docket No: 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-longer learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet the needs of each community. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into classroom, lab and work station.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stan M. Scheer'.

Stan M. Scheer
Superintendent of Schools

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Jean Waller Brune, Head of School

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Washington, DC 20054

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CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts on telecommunication services for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education, an "e-rate", to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of the community.

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As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the **universal service provision** I ask you to ensure that **telecommunications companies provide services to school and libraries at significantly discounted rates**. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

Mary D. Hain

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Dennis L. Bybee
P. O. Box 4463
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October 16, 1966

Jeanine Poltronieri
Federal Communications Commission
2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 257
Washington, D.C. 20036

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Ms. Poltronieri:

With respect to FCC 96-93 in CC Docket No. 96-45 [i.e., universal service for schools and libraries under the new Telecommunications Act of 1966], the following additional comment is submitted for your consideration:

Because of the referential connection between Sections 254(h)(B) and 254(c)(3) of the Law, the definition of "additional special services" for educational purposes under Section 254(c)(3) of PL 104-104 must simply include --

"ANY AND ALL AVAILABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES."

Regardless of whatever educational discounts are determined necessary and proper by appropriate regulatory agencies under Section 254(h)(B) [i.e., the FCC for InterState and State PUCs for IntraState services], IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT RATES FOR ANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES CHARGED TO SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES MUST BE --

"...rates less than the amounts charged for similar services to other parties..."

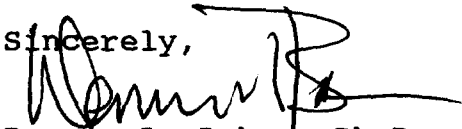
AS SPECIFICALLY INTENDED AND PROVIDED IN THIS PUBLIC LAW.

The only way that THE PUBLIC and these PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTIONS can be assured "affordable access" to needed telecommunications services for educational purposes -- as intended by the Congress both now and in the future -- is for the FCC to adopt this simple guiding principle that, WITHOUT BIDDING OR ANY OTHER GERRYMANDERED MICROMANAGEMENT RULES, schools and libraries must always and in all cases receive --

"ANY AND ALL AVAILABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AT RATES LESS THAN THE AMOUNTS CHARGED FOR SIMILAR SERVICES TO OTHER PARTIES."

This is arguably the most important single recommendation that the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service can make with respect to FCC regulations implementing affordable access provisions for schools and libraries in PL 104-104.

Sincerely,


Dennis L. Bybee, Ph.D
Coordinator of ACE Coalition Comments

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July 30, 1996

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW Room 814
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Hundt,

As a library that is just beginning to tap the Internet as an informational source, I can't tell you how important it is to us that you seriously consider telecommunications discounts for libraries as universal service providers. We are the connection for our residents who can't afford home computers. We also face severe budget constraints each year with, at time, lower than inflation rate increases.

We need to be able to tap into the capacity for high bandwidth interactive and visual applications as well. It is in the best interests of our country to have everyone get access.

I have worked in this public library for 22 years and see this issue as critical. Please give the American Library Association's proposals serious consideration - they speak for me and my library customers.

Sincerely,

Peg Bredeson
Library Director

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I'm writing to urge your strong support for discounted telecommunications that will empower libraries and schools to fulfill their role as universal service providers as authorized by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Congress recognizes the key role of libraries in providing public access to the electronic information infrastructure and ensuring service to libraries and schools at rates less than those charged to other parties.

The Cambridge Public library serves a community diverse in ethnicity, education, skills and languages. Our goal is to educate and inform our population by providing the most advanced technology to fulfill their broad range of needs. Without the support of the FCC and discounted telecommunications rates, we will be unable to provide the comprehensive technological applications necessary to meet community needs.

Telecommunication services and rates offered commercially must be made available to public libraries and schools to effectively expand the range of information opportunities available to our constituents. I know that you are hearing from many parties about how the Federal Communications Commission and the Joint Board should implement the universal service provisions. I strongly urge you to give serious attention to libraries and the proposals they are making directly and through the American Library Association.

Please convey these recommendations to the FCC and Joint Board and send me a copy of your letter. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter which is of great importance to the libraries and users in your state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Flannery
Susan M. Flannery
Director of Libraries

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cc: Andrew C. Barrett, Susan Ness, Julia Johnson, Kenneth McClure,
Sharon Nelson, Laska Schoenfelder, Martha Hogerty

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LIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 814
Washington, DC 10554

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools, public and non-public, and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education, public and non-public, or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to all schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

LIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sr. Margaret Mary Faist, SND

Sr. Margaret Mary Faist, SND
Principal

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SAINT PETER SCHOOL

6th & Harmony Streets

New Castle, Delaware 19720

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW Room 814
Washington, DC 200554

Re: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing on behalf of myself and the school community at St. Peter's School in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

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As the FCC and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision we ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet the needs of our communities. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, library, and computer work station.

We urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

Carole S. Rebmann

Carole S. Rebmann, Ms.Ed.
Library/Media Specialist

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September, 1996

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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

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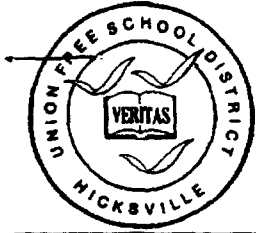
We/I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Embo
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW - Room 814
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Hicksville Board of Education strongly supports affordable and meaningful discounts which will allow all schools and libraries to connect to the Information Superhighway. Every student and lifelong learner deserves access to this technology in order to be able to compete in today and tomorrow's workplace.

In Hicksville, a diverse community, we face economic barriers, which will delay or even prevent our ability to fully utilize advanced telecommunications services. The cost of teacher training, equipment purchases, monthly usage charges and space availability are just a few of the obstacles to affordable accessibility.

As the Federal-State Joint Board and the Federal Communications Commission implement the universal service provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, we ask your support in ensuring that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. We need these services linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station in order to create informed and skilled consumers of new technology. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs.

We urge you to act upon this opportunity to assist us in bringing the world of information to our school children, as well as every learner in our country.

Sincerely,

Peggy Theis
Secretary
Board of Education

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Les Black
Superintendent of Schools
Michael H. Fasullo
Associate Superintendent

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October 22, 1996

The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW Room 814
Washington, D.C. 10554

CC: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

We from the Brentwood Community, write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and lifelong learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "E-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

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As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision we ask you to ensure the telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each communities needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

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Dear Chairman Hundt (& State Public Utility Commissioner & Members of Congress):

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

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Please convey these recommendations to the FCC and the Federal-State Joint Board. Thank you for your attention to this matter of considerable importance to all schools, classrooms, and libraries.

Sincerely,

Dr. Florence Hee, OSF

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NORTH BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Board of Education of the North Babylon School District, North Babylon, NY, is in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and lifelong learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "E-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

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Very truly yours,

Daniel D. Caroleo

Daniel D. Caroleo, President
North Babylon Board of Education

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Saint John The Baptist Catholic School

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CC: Docket NO. 96-45

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools, public and non-public, and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education, public and non-public, or an "e-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal serve provision, I ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to all schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates.

I urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and life-long learner in America.

Sincerely,

Sister Joy Gray
Principal

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October 21, 1996

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45
Universal Service

Dear Honorable Hundt:

As President of the nation's oldest public community college and one of the more progressive institutions in the use of tele-learning, I strongly encourage you to assure universal access to this educational technology by providing equitable telecommunications rates for libraries and schools - from pre-grade school to post-grad school.

It is my understanding that when Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996, it intended that carriers provide services to libraries and schools (including colleges) at discounted rates significantly lower than those charged for similar services to other parties.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision of this landmark legislation, I would urge that colleges and universities be included among those institutions eligible for discounted telecommunications rates.

At Joliet Junior College we are committed to providing our diverse student population with accessible, affordable, technology-based instruction. This institution is currently engaged in a broad spectrum consortium with regional high schools, community colleges, public and private colleges and universities to expand on-site training and education through distance learning. Our ability to continue these efforts and to expand the number of high schools involved will depend directly upon the rates we can obtain for telecommunications resources. Your help is urgently needed in securing equitable rates for delivering educational programs and training for libraries and schools.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Gamble
President

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

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On behalf of the Hauppauge Board of Education we write in strong support of affordable and meaningful discounts for all schools and libraries so that every school child and lifelong learner can have access to the world of information technology. The passage of the Telecommunications Act earlier this year mandates the development of a rate for education or an "E-rate" to secure affordable rates reflecting the financial capability of this community.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of this nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life long learners can connect with the technology needed to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

As the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal-State Joint Board implement the universal service provision we ask you to ensure that telecommunications companies provide services to schools and libraries at significantly discounted rates. All schools and libraries need long-term discounts that are truly affordable, flexible and offer choice in determining which services best meet each community's needs. It is imperative that these services are linked directly into the classroom, lab and work station.

We urge you to act upon this historic opportunity to bring the world of information to every school child and lifelong learner in America.

Sincerely,


Dr. Mark Melnick, President
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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45 Universal Service

Dear Mr. Hundt:

On behalf of the 429 libraries and hundreds of thousands of library users in the Rochester region, I urge your strong support for discounted telecommunications that will enable libraries and schools to fulfill their role as universal service providers as authorized by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The libraries of the Rochester New York region are working to ensure that all people have access to the information superhighway, regardless of their location, economic status, ethnicity or the sophistication of their skills. Yet these libraries--which are increasingly heavy users of telecommunications-- now face telecommunications services rates identical to the rate levied on the profit making businesses.

In passing the Telecommunications Act, Congress recognized the key role of libraries in providing public access to the electronic information infrastructure. Congress sought to ensure that carriers would provide services to libraries and schools at rates less than those charged to other parties.

In the Rochester New York region alone 429 libraries are serving as electronic doorways to the information superhighway for our one million area residents. If these libraries are to provide an expanded range of information opportunities, they must have the capacity for high bandwidth interactive and visual applications. Our libraries are responsible and accountable users of technology. They have in the past and will continue to leverage every bit of help. Meaningful discounts to the full range of telecommunication services available commercially will enable these libraries to continue and expand their services in communities and in schools.

Also, our libraries in low income, rural and other high cost areas need special provisions. Many small libraries in the rural towns of this region cannot afford the extra high telecommunications charges they must now pay to access the information superhighway.

I know that you are hearing from many parties about how the Federal Communications Commission and the Joint Board should implement the universal service provisions. I strongly urge you to give serious attention to libraries and the proposals they are making through the American Library Association.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter that is of great importance to the libraries and library users in New York State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet M. Welch".

Janet M. Welch
Executive Director

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Re: CC Docket 96-45 Universal Service

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I urge your strong support for discounted telecommunications discounts that will empower libraries and schools to fulfill their role as universal service providers as authorized by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. In passing this legislation, it is clear that Congress recognized the key role of libraries in providing public access to the electronic information infrastructure and to ensure that carriers would provide services to libraries and schools at rates less than the those charged to other parties.

If libraries are to provide the public with an expanded range of information opportunities, they must have the capacity for high bandwidth interactive and visual applications. Libraries are responsible and accountable users of technology. They have in the past and will continue to leverage every bit of assistance. Meaningful discounts to the full range of telecommunication services available commercially will enable libraries to continue and expand their services in communities and in schools. Libraries in low income, rural and other high cost areas may need special provisions.

You will be hearing from many parties about how the Federal Communications Commission and the Joint Board should implement the universal service provisions. I strongly urge you to give serious attention to libraries and the proposals they are making directly and through the American Library Association.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Marquardt, Ph.D.
Dean of Libraries

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing in regard to the Universal Service notice issued by the FCC Common Carrier Bureau on July 5, 1996, to urge your strong support for discounted service for libraries and schools and to endorse the comments filed by the American Library Association. Florida libraries need a simple mechanism that will provide access to affordable bandwidth. The lack of this mechanism is hampering deployment of needed services.

Floridians need access to the Internet and emerging electronic information resources and to provide that access Florida libraries need any telecommunication service offered commercially under tariff or through contract at discounted rates.

Today to provide access to networked information, some Florida libraries are paying as much as \$1,700 monthly for T-1 service. Rural libraries are planning the purchase of T-1 service while urban economically disadvantaged residents of Miami access the Internet through the library's T-1 lines. We are only beginning to implement bandwidth consumptive multi-media content and two-way teleconferencing for distance learning.

I endorse the American Library Association's rate recommendation of Total Service Long Run Incremental Cost (TSLRIC) or the best commercial rate. To the greatest extent possible, I recommend avoiding complex bureaucratic solutions in favor of letting libraries, which are responsible units of local government, go into the market place and purchase discounted service. Libraries in some high cost and low income areas may need Universal Service fund assistance to provide the services their citizens need. A simple discount mechanism will be technology neutral, promote competition, and help insure bandwidth and information access to all Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barratt Wilkins
State Librarian

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